



***Mount Carmel Announces Investment to Transform Care Delivery in Central Ohio
More than \$700 Million Will Expand, Modernize & Revitalize Three Campuses***

Columbus – Mount Carmel Health System is investing more than \$700 million in its people-centered care strategy in central Ohio. The investment includes major projects at three Mount Carmel campuses: Mount Carmel East, Mount Carmel Grove City and Mount Carmel West.

"These projects are part of our work to move healthcare delivery forward in our role as the region's value leader in delivering better health, better care for an affordable cost," said Claus von Zychlin, president and CEO of Mount Carmel Health System. "

Mount Carmel continues to lead the transformation of healthcare delivery in central Ohio through a new focus on prevention and wellness, improved care coordination, population health management and integrated care capabilities targeted at keeping people healthier. In delivering these capabilities, the health system has partnered with payers, physicians and even other providers, like The Ohio State Wexner Medical Center.

"Even with an increased focus on wellness rather than simply treating our patients when they are sick, we understand that there will always be times when the most modern and clinically capable inpatient services are required by our patients," said von Zychlin. "These projects will further reshape Mount Carmel's services to better provide the right care at the right time and in right locations for the residents of central Ohio."

Mount Carmel East will begin a \$310 million modernization in the spring of 2015 to be completed in phases through 2019. The project will improve on all aspects of the current facility, which was established in 1969, and will make accessing the campus easier through numerous infrastructure improvements that will optimize Mount Carmel East to meet the demands of future healthcare consumers.

The project will include the construction of a new 5-story patient care tower with a new state-of-the-art surgical suite and 128 new all-private, acuity adaptable patient rooms as well as the complete renovation of the original 1969 bed tower to provide 112 all-private patient rooms. In addition, Mount Carmel East will become home to Mount Carmel's level II trauma program, providing critical access to this vital service to the eastern half of central Ohio.

When complete, Mount Carmel East will be a nearly 400 bed, all-private room facility that will be home to the most contemporary clinical services and patient conveniences in the region.

"Mount Carmel East has a long history of delivering high-quality care as a destination hospital for patients in central Ohio," said Brinsley Lewis, president and COO of Mount Carmel East. "This investment will allow us to build on those strengths by providing enhancements to our services and the experience of our patients."

A \$355 million investment in Mount Carmel Grove City will expand the one-year old facility to a full-service hospital by 2018. In doing so, Mount Carmel Grove City will be the first hospital in the market

south of the Interstate 70 corridor and will greatly expand access to care for a rapidly growing part of central Ohio.

This project will include an approximately 500,000 sq. ft. inpatient hospital and 120,000 sq. ft. Medical Office Building (MOB). The new hospital will feature 210 private rooms and seven floors of clinical service, including inpatient and outpatient surgery, intensive care, a mother-infant unit, oncology and palliative care and expanded emergency services. The five-story MOB will include a number of services including comprehensive outpatient Oncology, Women's Health, Maternal Fetal Medicine and other physician offices. The campus will also be the new headquarters for Mount Carmel's Graduate Medical Education (GME).

"The residents of Grove City and surrounding communities have long considered Mount Carmel their healthcare home. The first phase of Mount Carmel Grove City opened just last year and has been embraced by the residents of Grove City and the surrounding communities in the region to an even greater extent than expected," said Sean McKibben, president and COO of Mount Carmel West. "This expansion will meet the growing need for healthcare in one of the fastest growing parts of our community,"

Mount Carmel Grove City will maintain its existing emergency and outpatient services during construction. Mount Carmel West also will continue to provide the excellent care that the community expects during this time. After construction is completed in Grove City, Mount Carmel West's inpatient operations will transfer to Grove City and the West campus will undergo a \$46 million transformation.

The existing nearly 130-year old Mount Carmel West campus in Franklinton will be transformed into a vibrant health and educational campus—the centerpiece of a shared revitalization effort for a stronger, healthier and more sustainable neighborhood.

A revitalized Mount Carmel West will focus on primary care, urgent and emergent care and include an Emergency Department, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. The transformation of the campus will provide urgently needed room for growth for the Mount Carmel College of Nursing, one of Ohio's largest baccalaureate nursing programs.

The transformation will expand upon the efforts of the Mount Carmel Community Health Resource Center (CHRC). Located on the Mount Carmel West campus since October 2013, the \$1 million CHRC has seen nearly 10,000 visitors and established dozens of community partnerships to better prevent and manage chronic medical conditions, encourage healthy lifestyle habits and promote holistic wellness - resulting in a healthier community.

Mount Carmel will be working directly with community stakeholders to identify opportunities to meet the needs of the residents in Franklinton and surrounding areas. This includes the addition of community green space and specific patient education, programs and services. Mount Carmel will also continue to assist the city of Columbus as their West Franklinton plan moves forward.

"We're excited to build upon the city of Columbus' revitalization efforts that are already underway in Franklinton. The contemporary and welcoming campus will do more than promote and foster healthy living and healthy lives. It will be designed to attract additional services and activities—commercial, residential and social—that together will inspire hope, expand opportunity and create a diverse and central gathering place for the extended community," said von Zychlin.

Through this more than \$700 million investment, Mount Carmel will continue to lead efforts to deliver people-centered care in central Ohio and follow the tradition of innovation which began when the Sisters of the Holy Cross founded Mount Carmel in 1886.

"The Sisters had the courage to be forward thinking and evolve the services that they offered as the community's needs changed. This vision has been a hallmark of Mount Carmel's delivery of high-quality, people-centered care," said von Zychlin. "These investments and our ongoing population health management efforts will transform healthcare delivery in central Ohio and stay true to the foresight that the Sisters had when they began and advanced our health ministry."